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REF: (A) MEXICO 4493; (B) FREIDMAN/DREYFUSS TELCON
APR 25; (C) DONNELLY/DREYFUSS TELCON APR 28.

1. APPEAL BY LAETRILE MANUFACTURERS IN BAJA CALIFORNIA
APPARENTLY INVOLVES TWO SEPARATE BUT CONCURRENT COURT
ACTIONS. KEM LABS HAS LOST APPEAL AND LAB HAS CLOSED.
GOM AGENCY FOR CONTROL OF FOODS, BEVERAGES AND DRUGS,
SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, UNSURE IF FINAL COURT
DECISION CYTOFARMA LABS' APPEAL YET IN.

2. CYTOFARMA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE LAETRILE, POSSIBLY
WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORIZATION. LIC. ROMAN CELES,OF
ABOVE GOM AGENCY, NOW IN TIJUANA ON FACT FINDING MISSION.

3. 1974 PROVISIONAL APPROVAL OF LAETRILE GRANTED TO KEM
LABS AND CYTOFARMA FOR TESTING ON HUMANS. DRUG NEVER
ENTERED COMMERCE, SO AVAILABILITY IN HOSPITALS OR TO
PHYSICIANS OR THROUGH PHARMACIES NEVER EXISTED.

4. PRESENTLY CYTOFARMA CONTINUING TO PRODUCE LAETRILE.
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DRUG CAN BE USED IN CYTOFARMA'S OWN CLINIC, CAN BE
OBTAINED AND USED BY PHYSICIANS WITH CANCER SPECIALIZA-
TION AND CAN BE EXPORTED TO US.

5. DIRGEN OF ABOVE GOM AGENCY, DR. FRANCISCO DURAZO
QUIROZ, FELT AUTHORIZATION TO PRODUCE LAETRILE MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED IF CASE WERE PRESENTED THAT IT IS NOT A

CANCER CURE BUT RATHER ANALGESIC FOR CANCER-RELATED
PAIN. THOMPSON

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